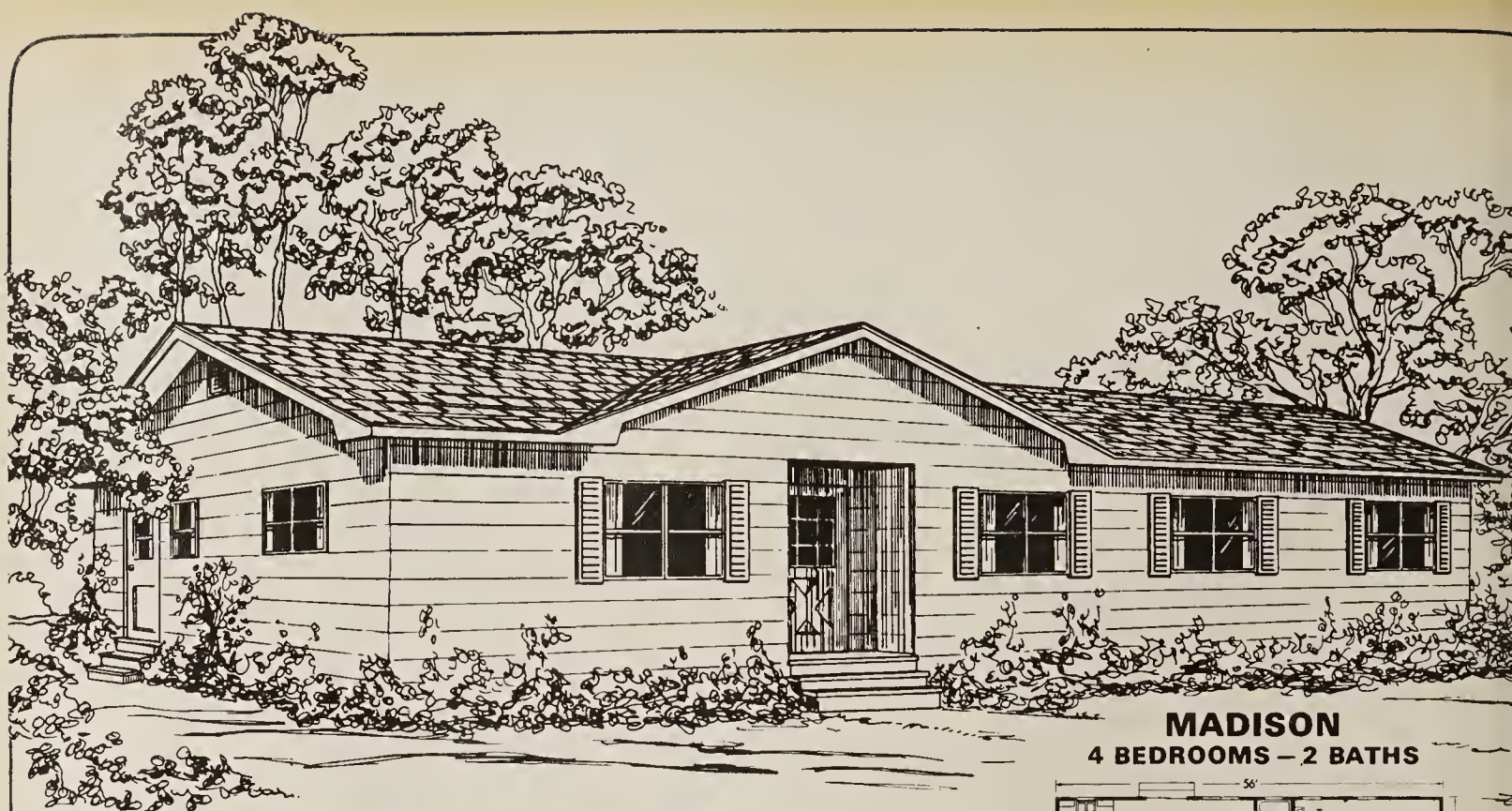


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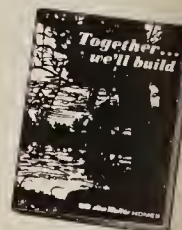
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Toward Political Reforms

The North Carolina General Assembly, which completed its 1975 session a few weeks ago, probably stirred as much consternation and dissatisfaction among Tar Heels as any in recent history.

The legislators' hard-nosed approach to budget-making and the blatantly political attitudes which many of them exhibited on some issues certainly did little to win them new friends among their constituents across the state.

Yet, the 1975 General Assembly is to be commended for taking two major steps which may open the way for significant political reforms.

One of these takes the form of an ethics law requiring legislators to disclose their financial interests and other potential sources of conflicts of interest. As a result, voters will now know something about the private interests a legislator or legislative candidate might want to protect.

The law also establishes a legislative ethics committee which is designed to police violations. Sanction for failure to comply with the law is removal from the ballot or from office.

Unfortunately, most legislators expect the policing procedure to be ineffective.

It would seem, then, that the law needs strengthening in this area to assure a rigorous application of the ethics regulations.

It also needs strengthening in its requirements for lawyers, which permit them to disclose only the types of businesses their clients are engaged in without specifically naming them.

Still, the law is a beginning and sets an important precedent for reform which future legislative sessions should follow.

The General Assembly also took a major step toward reform by enacting legislation which permits North Carolinians to make direct contributions to political campaigns through a state income tax check-off system.

North Carolina taxpayers can now heed the warnings of Watergate by taking advantage of this yearly opportunity to contribute totally untainted money to the political party of their choice.

If they fail in this, they cannot point the finger of blame at the General Assembly should political corruption involving campaign contributions rear its ugly head in our state as it has in Washington.

The *blame* will fall squarely where the *responsibility* now rests.



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GETS NATIONAL POST

Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice president and general manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (N.C.EMC), has been elected president of the Rural Electric Statewide Managers Association. He was elected at the association's recent annual meeting in Salt Lake City. The organization is composed of the managers of the various state associations of electric co-ops across the country.



Cleveland, who joined N.C.EMC in 1973, has been active in the national organization for some time, having served as general manager of the state association of electric co-ops in Colorado before moving to North Carolina.

ON "EXOTIC" ENERGY SOURCES

Solar energy and other such "exotic" sources of energy are getting a lot of attention these days, but they have a long way to go before they'll be practical alternatives to coal and fission energy sources for the nation.

The most knowledgeable authorities in the field calculate that all of these sources combined cannot be tapped for more than 1 percent of our energy requirements over the next decade.

They say if we develop these sources at optimum, by 1985 solar energy will supply only .11 percent of the nation's energy; geothermal, .21 percent; solid waste, .21 percent; and shale oil, .55 percent.

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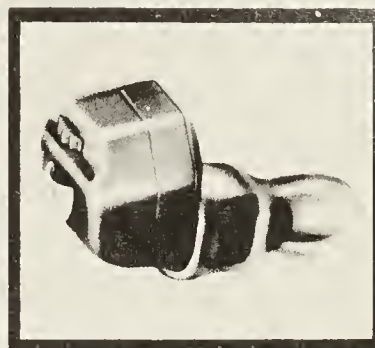
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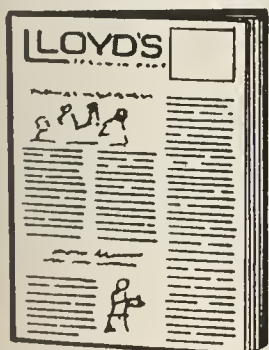


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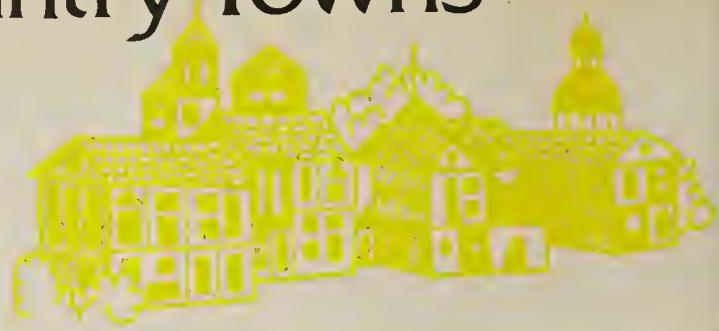
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Looking at a map of North Carolina, it seems somewhat that people should inhabit that thin stretch of land called Hatteras Island. It looks so vulnerable there, precariously surrounded on one side by the fierce and unpredictable Atlantic Ocean, and on the other by the Pamlico Sound.

And vulnerable it is. Like long separated lovers, the ocean and the sound too often rush together in a violent embrace that leaves the settlements badly damaged. Occasional washed highways and destroyed property is a price Hatteras people have learned to pay. They don't seem to mind, for they know their ancestors have been paying it for decades.

Buxton, the largest town on the island with about 700 permanent residents, hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to the nearby Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Unlike some once-isolated communities in other parts of the country, Buxton offers a warm and friendly greeting to these strangers.

Aside from the lighthouse, there is a U.S. Weather Station, a Naval facility and a Coast Guard station at Buxton. A good number of the residents are retired government workers.

The heroic rescues of shipwrecked sailors by Coast Guard men have brought fame to the people of the Dare Banks. Those Guardsmen were most often natives who had joined the service with the unwritten agreement that they would sacrifice their lives on the Banks. It has been said that more medals and heroic deeds are held per capita on the Dare Banks than anywhere else in the country.

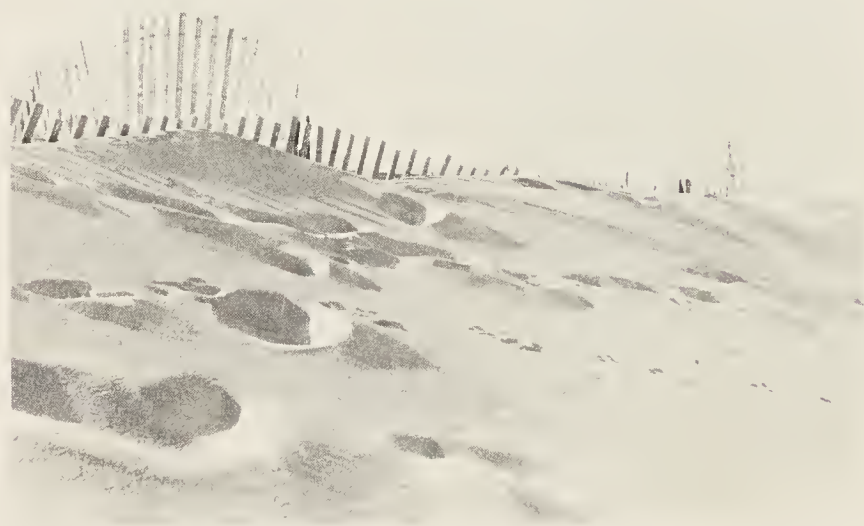
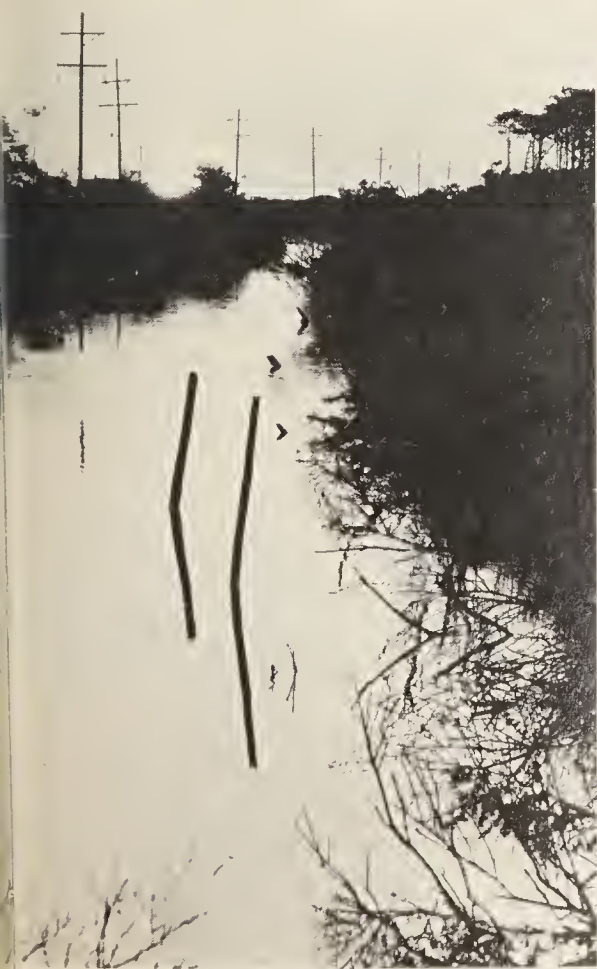
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Thousands of visitors come to Buxton each year to see the storied Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Tourism has replaced commercial fishing as the major private industry, although a few still rise with the sun to fish the Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Wildlife abounds in the area. In the photo at the right, turtles sunbathe near the lighthouse, ignoring their feathery friend the heron.



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After braving the 257 steps to the observation deck of the lighthouse, a visitor gets a dramatic view of the ocean, the sound, and a section of the town of Buxton. In the foreground is the U.S. Naval Facility Cape Hatteras from which oceanographic research is conducted. Fences hold back migrating sand, ever pushed by the wind. Canals throughout Buxton are cut to the sound, making easy access for boaters and fishermen.

John Hooper's yaupon tree has survived many of the infamous storms that harass the coastline. The warm climate makes a good home for the moss that grows on many of the trees in the area. Although jobs are scarce in Buxton, the surf attracts many young people year round. Some, of course, grow up there, while others become acquainted with the area while stationed at one of the Navy or Coast Guard facilities nearby. Staying in the area, they say, requires a determination to find some means to support yourself.



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where else in the world. And most of those were given to people from Buxton or the town of Hatteras.

It has also been said that there isn't a rich man on the barrier nor is there a poor one. Mrs. Maude White, who has lived in Buxton for more than 70 years, says the Great Depression and the Thirties had little effect on the town. Most of the people were working for the government or were on government pensions, she says. And there was food in the sea to be taken when needed, and game on the land — and vegetable gardens too.

The mild climate, a result of warm Gulf Stream waters, allows Buxton folks to grow citrus fruits year round. Mrs. White says she once had a grapefruit tree so big that people in a second floor apartment could pick them from their window.

The Midgetts, the Grays, and all the other old family names in Buxton are continually being joined by less familiar names as new people make the island their home. Novelists, artists, surfers and people who just love the sand and sea are discovering the delight and pride of being a Hatterasman.



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Nuclear Power:

By Carl Walske

Less than a generation ago, tapping the power of the atom to produce electricity was only a dream, a dream of the conveniences and even luxuries which someday might be added to our lives. Steady progress has been made toward that dream as nuclear technology has been developed and introduced commercially — but rather suddenly we have realized that widespread nuclear power is not merely a pleasant dream but a vital and present need.

A recent statement about the energy crisis signed by 33 distinguished American scientists, including 11 Nobel Prize winners, observed that “. . . the republic is in the most serious situation since World War II . . . We can see no reasonable alternative to an increased use of nuclear power to satisfy our energy needs.”

The reason for their concern is that we are running out of oil and gas to fuel our power generators; coal alone is not an adequate substitute; conservation methods are insufficient, and other potential sources of power cannot be developed on time, or economically, if at all. The sky-high price of oil is going to get higher as it gets scarcer, and the price of electricity made from it will rise in tandem. If we remain dependent on oil, we put ourselves at the financial and political mercy of other countries.

Fuel for nuclear power is abundant and relatively cheap, however, and the technology is safe and clean. The first commercial nuclear plant went into operation in 1957, and there now are 55 such plants operable in this country and 96 abroad. So the solution to a major part of the energy crisis is at hand.

But two flies have appeared in the ointment. One, the costs of building new power plants of all kinds have skyrocketed faster than utilities can raise money to build them. Since nuclear plants cost up to a third again as much to build (although they are much cheaper to operate than a fossil plant) they are the first to be cancelled or deferred.

This problem, while serious, is secondary to the basic question: Do we need nuclear power in the first place? I fervently believe that we do, and we shall have to let utilities raise the initial capital in exchange for the long-run savings and other benefits that nuclear power will bring.

The other fly in the ointment is the rise of an antinuclear movement led in part by men who have lost their belief in our modern technological society.

We arrive at the conclusion that there is “no reasonable alternative” to nuclear power cautiously, but not reluctantly. It is a proven technology with the best safety record of any high technology industry, and it will provide abundant energy much more cheaply than any other power generation technology, and with much less effect on the environment.

Fuel statistics tell much of the story. A typical 1,000-megawatt power plant would consume annually 2.3-million tons of coal, 1 million barrels of oil or 64-billion cubic feet of natural gas but only 30 tons of nuclear fuel. And of this 30 tons, 97% could be recycled and reused. It is uncertain how long our uranium supply will last when used in present reactors, although it is probably a matter of decades. But the “breeder” reactor, now under development with NRECA support and which uses fast neutrons to breed more fuel than it consumes, will extend our nuclear fuel supply by thousands of years.

Because so little fuel is used, the operating costs of nuclear plants are well below those of conventional plants; fossil fuel costs more than five times as much as uranium. At the end of 1974, a kilowatt-hour of electricity cost an average of 10.5 mills when produced by a nuclear plant and 17 mills when produced by a fossil plant—a difference of about 40%. The figures include amortized capital allocations.

Bechtel Power Corporation estimates that the total generation costs for a nuclear plant going

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The Forum is a nonprofit association representing more than 600 educational, industrial and scientific organizations interested in the peaceful development of nuclear energy.

Walske, who has a doctorate in theoretical physics from Cornell University, has served as principal staff advisor on nuclear matters to four U.S. Secretaries of Defense. His career also includes service on the U.S. mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

'NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE'

line in the mid-1980s would be about 10 mills per kilowatt-hour lower than for a coal plant, and as much as 21 mills lower than for an oil plant.

The fast breeder will have special economic benefits. Westinghouse Electric Corporation estimates that fast breeders will result in an economic benefit of about \$1,600-billion in comparable dollars to the \$8-billion that will be spent in development. This is a benefit-to-cost ratio of 200 to one.

And nuclear plants generate this cheap power without smokestacks spewing pollution. A very small part of the radioactivity created in the plants is routinely discharged, but it is much less than the trace level of radioactivity that permeates us and our surroundings all the time.

Despite its benefits, people tend to worry about nuclear power because of its application to atomic bombs and its production of radioactivity. But a bomb-like explosion of an existing nuclear plant would be a physical impossibility.

The odds against any one American dying from a nuclear accident from all the plants expected to be operating in 1980 are five billion to one. We already have accumulated more than 1,600 reactor-years of operation of civilian and military plants without injury to the public.

According to a recent government-sponsored study headed by Dr. Norman C. Rasmussen of M.I.T., "Nuclear accident probabilities are so low that they are insignificant compared to the overall risk due to manmade and natural risks."

The radioactivity in used fuel is as carefully contained at every step in its transportation and reprocessing as it is in the plant. Additionally, nuclear plants, fuel and wastes are guarded at all times and restricted by rigorous security procedures so that they can't be reached by saboteurs, terrorists or thieves.

gists and economists are wrong when they say that there's an energy crisis; that conservation experts are wrong when they point out the inadequacy and the drastic consequences of radical conservation methods; that safety experts are wrong when they say that serious nuclear accidents or radiation releases are next to im-

"A bomb-like explosion of an existing nuclear plant would be a physical impossibility."

Another possibility that tends to worry people as government and industry get bigger and more complex is that technological decisions—such as whether to rely on nuclear energy and how to do it—may be made without their participation and without consideration of their interests. But whatever the case with other technologies, the nuclear decisionmaking process involving numerous federal, state and local reviews, including citizen hearings, guarantees responsiveness to the needs of affected parties. According to the statement of the 33 American scientists, "The safety of civilian nuclear power has been under public surveillance without parallel in the history of American technology."

All these fears are being exploited and the need for nuclear power is being derided by anti-nuclear campaigners in their battle not only against nuclear power but against the present extent of electrical use and its potential increase. Their sensational charges are getting a great deal of attention from the news media.

These critics charge that geolo-

possible; that public health specialists are wrong about safe levels of radiation; that power engineers are wrong when they say that they can design safe and effective nuclear plants, and wrong when they say they can't now design practical power plants using exotic methods such as fusion or solar energy; and that government, industry, associations such as NRECA, and numerous private persons and groups are wrong when they say that nuclear power is safe, cheap, clean and effective and that the country must have it now.

The extremist critics think that somehow society will be improved by a successful citizens' movement to stop and tear down nuclear electrification. But rural electric co-ops have proven that a successful citizens' effort to construct rather than destroy an electrification system can improve society. I hope that all people can learn from this example that with a proven technology such as nuclear power and the need and desire of people for it, society can only be immeasurably improved by its rapid and widespread application.



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Strawberry, currant or grape jelly
Sugar

In a mixing bowl cream together peanut butter and butter. Beat in sugars until blended, then eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt, and add to peanut butter mixture. Stir in peanuts. Divide dough into four parts. Pat each part into a 12 x 2½ inch rectangle on two baking sheets. Make an indentation or groove down the center of each rectangle. Fill each groove with about 2 tablespoons jelly. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven about 15 minutes. Cool and cut each rectangle on a diagonal into 8 bars. Sprinkle with sugar. Makes about 32 bars.

VARIATIONS:

Crescent Cookies: Follow basic recipe. Shape dough into crescents using about 2 teaspoons dough per cookies. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven about 23 minutes. Follow

warm crescents in powdered sugar. Makes about 5½ dozen cookies.

Refrigerator Cookies: Follow basic recipe. Shape dough into two rolls 1½ inches in diameter and wrap and chill. Remove dough from refrigerator and cut into slices ¼ inch thick. Place on baking sheets and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven about 10 minutes. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

Peanut Chocolate Drops: Follow basic recipe. Stir 1 bag (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces into cookie dough. Drop dough by tablespoons onto a lightly buttered cookie sheet, and bake in a preheated 350 degree oven about 13 minutes. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

Peanut Raisin Cookies: In saucepan combine 1 cup seedless raisins, ½ cup water, 1 teaspoon shredded orange peel and ½ cup sugar and heat to simmering, while stirring constantly. Continue to simmer 7-8 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Shape cookie dough into one-inch balls. Make an indentation in center of each and spoon in raisin filling. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven 10-12 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

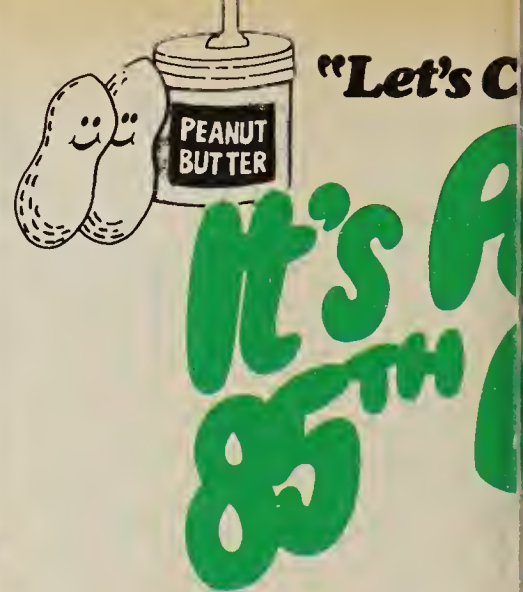
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Whip cheese until soft and fluffy. Beat in sugar and peanut butter. Slowly add milk, blending thoroughly

into mixture. Fold topping into mixture. Pour into pie shell. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts. Freeze until firm and serve. If not used same day, wrap in plastic freezer wrap after pie is frozen.

Pie Crust Suggestions: (1) Regular pie crust, baked and cooled (2) Graham Cracker Crust (3) Chopped peanuts pressed onto the pie plate



It's the number one sandwich choice across the nation; it went to the moon with the astronauts; President Ford liked it toasted on an English muffin for breakfast — it's peanut butter and it's 85 years old.

Peanut butter was "born" in 1890 when a St. Louis physician who was looking for a high protein food to improve the diets of his patients ran some shelled roasted peanuts through a kitchen grinder to create the first peanut butter. His patients liked it and ever since the love of peanut butter has "spread". Old and young alike love its flavor.

Peanut Butter Sandwich Variations

Grilled Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich: For each sandwich spread one slice of bread with peanut butter and another with your favorite jam or jelly. Close sandwich. Spread softened butter over outside of top and bottom of sandwich. Grill until brown. Turn and grill other side.

VARIATIONS:

1. Add crumbled bacon to peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or add bacon to peanut butter only omitting the jelly.

2. Omit jelly and add a thin slice of ham.

Fig Nut: To 6 large preserved figs chopped fine, add 1 tablespoon peanut butter; mash to a paste and spread on thinly sliced bread.

Pineapple: One-half cup peanut butter, ½ cup drained crushed pineapple. Mix lightly.

Raisin: One-half cup peanut butter, ½ cup chopped raisins, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, ½ cup milk or cream. Mix lightly.

Banana: Spread one slice of bread with peanut butter and another with mayonnaise. Slice banana to cover the mayonnaise side. Close sandwich. Enjoy.

Peanut Butter's Birthday!

By Betsy H. Owens

Cooks welcome its many uses in a wide range of recipes and it is valued by dietitians as one of the most nutritious foods available.

Peanut butter is 26 per cent protein and also contains substantial amounts of niacin and B vitamins. It's polyunsaturated, making it a natural choice for the low cholesterol diet. Peanut butter is the lowest cost source of protein available today making it a top choice for the budget minded. Nutritious, delicious, and low cost — all good reasons to celebrate peanut butter's birthday with plenty of peanut butter dishes.

Virginia Peanut Soup

- 2 tbsp. butter
- ¼ onion, diced
- 1 branch celery, sliced
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup Peanut Butter
- Dash Celery Salt
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. Chopped peanuts

Melt butter in saucepan; add onion and celery. Saute for five minutes (do not brown). Add flour and mix until flour is well blended with butter. Add hot chicken broth and cook for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, strain broth. Stir the peanut butter, celery salt, salt and lemon juice into the strained broth. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on soup just before serving.

Hotel Roanoke

Betsy H. Owens is executive director of Owens' Peanut Food Promotions, which is headquartered in Rocky Mount. For additional recipes, write to her at P.O. Box 109, Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801.



For a taste of old Southern goodness, serve Peanut Soup for an appetizer. Before you can say "y'all" you can assemble the ingredients and have them simmering on the back burner.

Chocolate-Covered Peanut Balls (Similar to Reese's Peanut Butter Cup)

- 2 sticks margarine
- 1 ½ cups smooth peanut butter
- 1 (1 pound) box powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 (6 ounces) package semi-sweet chocolate bits
- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoon butternut flavoring
- ¼ pound paraffin

Melt margarine and peanut butter; remove from heat and stir in sifted powdered sugar, graham cracker crumbs, and butternut flavoring. Mix well. Shape into balls about the size of a quarter. Place on cookie sheets and put in the refrigerator to chill.

Melt paraffin and chocolate in top of double boiler. Remove peanut butter balls from refrigerator and dip into chocolate-paraffin mixture. Place balls on waxed paper and chill. Yields: 40 individual peanut balls.

"Homemade" Peanut Butter

- 1 cup salted cocktail type peanuts
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- ½ teaspoon salt

Place ingredients in an electric blender. Blend until mixture becomes paste like or spreadable. It may be necessary to add more peanuts. The ingredients must be blended for several minutes. Store in tightly covered container. Homemade peanut butter will separate on standing. Stir before using.

Skillet Peanut Butter Fudge

- 2 cups sugar
- 3Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 12 oz. jar crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

In electric skillet combine sugar, butter and evaporated milk. Set control to 280 degrees. Bring mixture to a boil; boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Turn off heat. Add marshmallows and Peanut Butter and vanilla; stir until marshmallows and peanut Butter are melted and blended. Pour into a butter 8" square pan. Cool and cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

Peanutty Fingers

- 12 slices white bread
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 2 cups finely chopped salted peanuts
- 1 cup flaked cocoanut

Trim crusts from bread. Cut each slice into fingers about ½-inch wide. Blend together milk and peanut butter. In a separate container, toss together the chopped peanuts and cocoanut.

Dip bread in peanut butter and milk mixture, then roll in peanut-cocoanut mixture. Place on a baking sheet. Bake in a preheated 400 degrees oven for about 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 4 dozen.

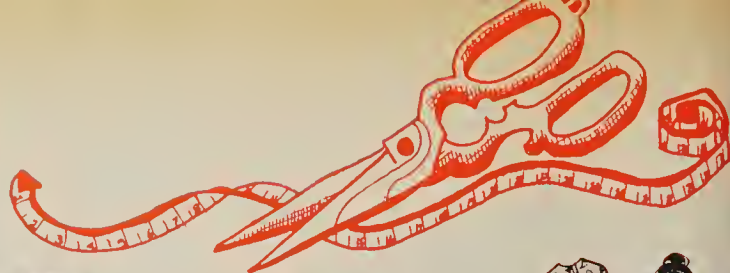
Baked Peanut Butter Chicken

- 1-2½ to 3 pound frying chicken, cut up
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 egg
- ½ cup peanut butter (smooth or crunchy)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup dry bread crumbs
- ¼ cup peanut oil

Dip chicken in flour. Blend egg

with peanut butter, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, beating with fork to blend. Dip floured chicken in peanut butter mixture then in crumbs. Place on oiled flat baking pan. Drizzle remaining oil over chicken pieces. Bake in oven (375 degrees F.) 45 minutes or until tender.

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Country Kitchen

If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share through this column, send it to: Country Kitchen, 3333 N. Boulevard, Raleigh, N.C. 27604. Tell us something about the recipe and any helpful tips that you have discovered in preparing it, your family and the name of the EM that serves you. We pay \$5 for the recipe chosen monthly for this column.

A FESTIVE CHICKEN SALAD

Mrs. Dorothy Guethe's recipe for chicken salad was just too delicious and cool sounding to pass by for the hot month of August. It's the kind of recipe that you can cook ahead and refrigerate for the meal hour — not only allowing you to cook during the coolest hours, but also relieving the burden on your cooperative during the peak time of electrical use which is usually during the early evening when everyone is home and in the kitchen with the airconditioning running.

Mrs. Guethe recommends that you try varying the recipe from time to time with ½ ham bits and ½ chicken or substitute shrimp as the main ingredient.

COUNTRY KITCHEN RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Dorothy Guethe, Rt. 3, Box 496, Elkin

CHICKEN SALAD

5 cups cooked chicken, cut in chunks (about 5 lbs. raw)
2 Tbs. salad oil
2 Tbs. lemon juice
2 Tbs. vinegar
1 tsp. salt
3 cups cooked rice
1½ cup small green grapes (optional)
1½ cups sliced celery
1 (3½ oz.) can Mandarin orange sections drained
1 cup toasted slivered almonds (optional)
1½ cup mayonnaise

Combine chicken, oil, lemon juice, vinegar and salt. Let stand while preparing remaining ingredients (or refrigerate mixture overnight). Gently toss together all ingredients. Serves 12.

Cheer!



During a lecture on science the instructor asked one student, "This gas contains poison. What steps would you take if it should by chance escape?" "Long ones," came the reply.

The real-estate salesman spent all day Sunday showing a young couple model homes. "And here," said the salesman, weary at the eleventh home, "is the hobby room. Do you folks have any hobbies?"

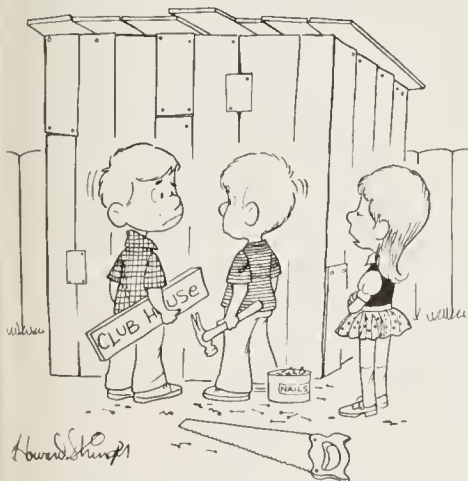
"Oh, yes," replied the wife. "We look at model homes on Sundays."

A young man had just returned from agricultural college and was visiting a neighboring farmer to show off. "Your methods are so old-fashioned," the visitor declared. "Why, I'll bet you don't get ten pounds of apples from that tree."

"I dare say you're right," said the farmer. "That's a pear tree."

A 5-yr-old boy was asked by a new neighbor how many there were in his family. "Seven," was the reply. "My, that many children must cost a lot," the neighbor exclaimed. "Oh, no," said the child. "We don't buy them, we raise them."

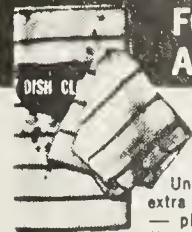
Six-year-old Patrick asks Sammy, "Do you say a prayer before you eat?" "I don't have to, my mother's a good cook."



The club house you're built looks pretty good, but why didn't you build a door in it?"

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A scenic evening cruise down the Potomac River.



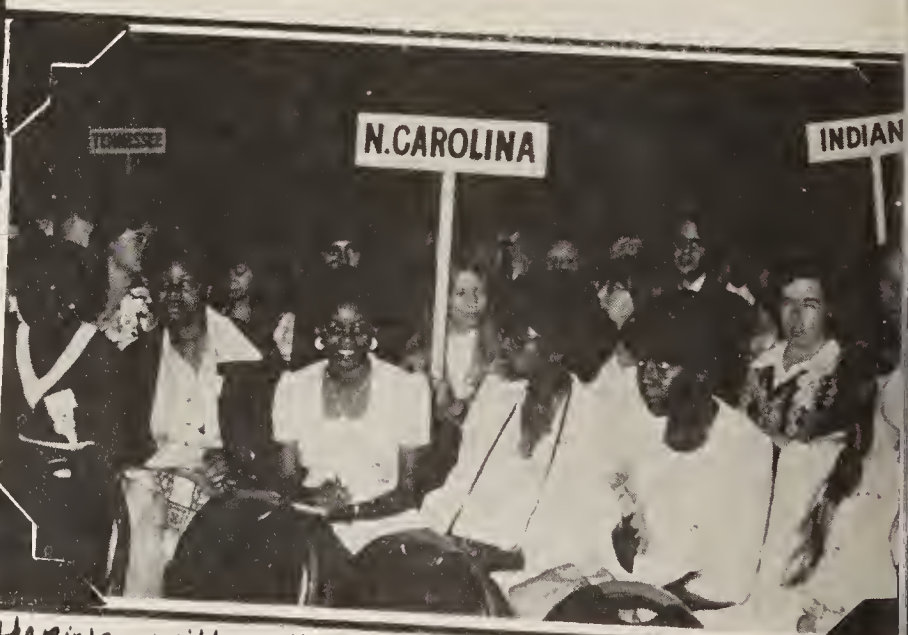
Youth Tour WAS A GREAT chance to get to know other teenagers from across NORTH CAROLINA!



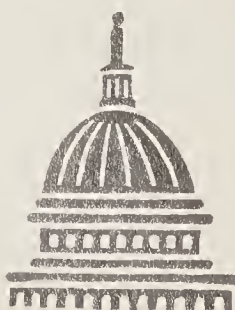
The Shindig - Great dance band & lots of good food.



We had individual appointments with our N.C. Congressmen. (Here the District 7 youngsters talk with Rep. Charles Rose)



Gathering with other rural youth for a congress panel program sponsored by NRECA.



FULL COLOR COVER PRINTS



Carolina Country is offering full-color reprints of the beautiful watercolor beach scene which graced the cover of the May issue of the magazine.

The original painting was done by Durham artist Nancy May especially for Carolina Country.

Ms. May has been studying watercolor privately for the past four years and has developed her style through actual experience at the coast. She has exhibited in several one-woman shows in Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Pawley's Island, S.C.

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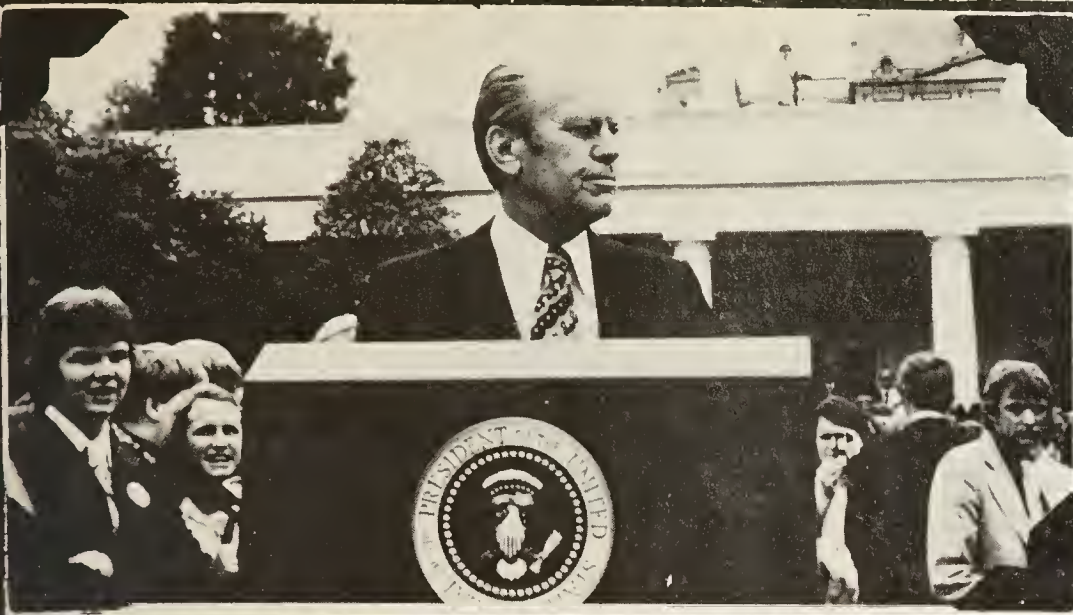
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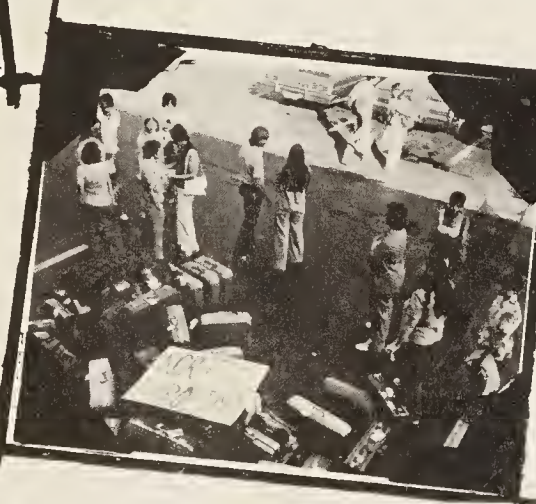


An exclusive "Ropes down" tour of the White House, including a special personal appearance of President Gerald Ford! (I even got to shake his hand!!!)



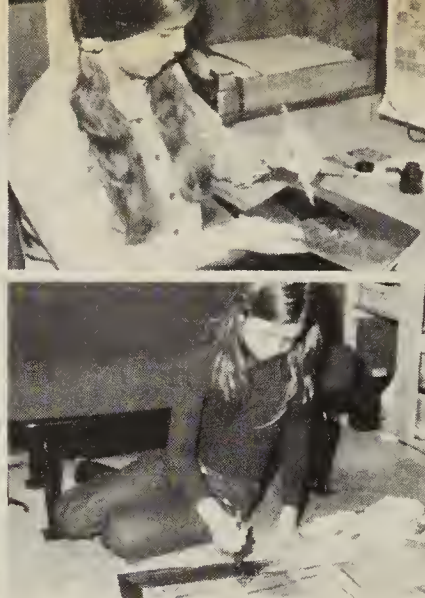
All dressed up for a performance at the Kennedy Center. We saw a play starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Packing and last-minute picture taking.



Sad good-byes to special friends we've grown close to throughout the week.





The entire Rose family participates in copper tooling work. Jack, Hank, Delories and Boyd sometimes gather around the kitchen table to work, while Cindy and Joanne use the family workroom. Cindy paints the black backgrounds of the pictures and Joanne finishes the frames.

A Family Of Artists

By Owen Bishop

The Jack Rose family of Tyrrell County has combined talent and hard work to transform the children's 4-H crafts activity into a thriving at-home business which produces and sells about 1,000 copper tooled pictures each year.

This family of artists includes five full-fledged members of the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild, an organization of craftsmen from 10 Northeastern North Carolina counties. To qualify for membership, each of the five had to execute three separate copper tooling works which would meet the guild's rigorous quality standards.

The Roses who're guild members include parents Jack and Delories and three of their five children: Tony, 20, who's now in the Army stationed in Germany; Hank, an 18-year-old student at Martin Technical Institute in Williamston; and Boyd, who at 15 is the youngest member of the guild.

But the two remaining Roses also participate in the family crafts business. Cindy, 16, usually paints the black backgrounds which are so important in setting off the design or drawing that's been etched in the copper. And nine-year-old Joanne stains and finishes the frames.

The family sells their original copper tooling pieces in three ways: in area crafts shops, through special orders and in crafts shows such as the annual Albemarle Craftsman's Fair in Elizabeth City in September. (See Box, Page 19.)

"We don't have time to go to more than two or three shows a year," said Mrs. Rose, who has become the most skilled and prolific artist in the family.

The family usually sells about 300 pictures at each show, but their show sales are matched or surpassed by the special orders. These include the personalized plaques which are used for birthday, wedding and graduation gifts, as well as huge assignment pieces like the 16x32-inch works depicting the campuses of Duke University and Meredith College.

The Rose copper toolings have thus far found their way into at least 19 states and four foreign countries. The tally may be even higher, but they've had orders or correspondence to confirm these figures.

"We had one couple from Switzerland who came through here about four years ago and bought some of our things," Mrs. Rose said. "They've been back twice and placed several orders by mail."

Lifestyles

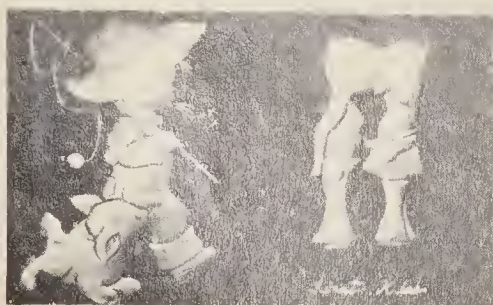


The family works on copper tooling during their leisure hours — when they can find those hours.

All of the children who're still at home are heavily involved in 4-H activities and the entire family works on the nearly 75-acre farm which was Jack's family home place, raising soybeans, corn and 14 head of beef cattle.

Plus, the family is almost constantly working on one home-improvement project or another at their modest home about 15 miles south of Columbia.

Jack, who specializes in copper tooled versions of comical, brokendown old nags, squeezes in his artistry when he's not on the job as drainage foreman for



Examples of family's artistry

CRAFTS FAIR SET

The Jack Rose family will be among about 100 artists and craftsmen exhibiting their wares at the 17th Albemarle Craftsman's Fair in Elizabeth City, Sept. 24-28.

The fair will be open from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Sept. 24-27 and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 28.

The event is sponsored by the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild and the Extension Homemakers Clubs in the Albemarle area of Northeastern North Carolina.

Tickets, priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for school-age children, will be available at the door or may be ordered in advance by writing Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, P.O. Box 1301, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909.

First Colony Farms, handling farm chores or tending to his extensive collection of old bottles.

"He's got so many old bottles, he doesn't know what to do with all of them!" Mrs. Rose said, with one of her frequent chuckles.

The boys enjoy the copper tooling work and the extra money they can earn from it, but they also "love to farm," she added.

"They love the outdoors and they're always working around here and on the farm. That's their pride and joy."

All of the children also obviously enjoy their 4-H activities and spend a lot of time and energy on them. Each year for the past three years, one of them has been selected to represent North Carolina at competitions at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago: Tony in 1972, Hank in 1973 and Cindy in 1974.

Boyd is maintaining the family's 4-H standards. He was recently named state winner in the 4-H garden horticulture competition and, as a result, will compete for national honors at the annual convention of the National Junior Horticultural Association this fall.

Cindy, who admits she's never been as interested in copper tooling as her brothers, channels some of her creative impulses into making stuffed turtles. Thus, whenever the family participates in a crafts show, their booth also includes a corner where Cindy can sell her turtles.

The Roses were introduced to copper tooling about 10 years ago, when Tony and Hank were casting about for a 4-H crafts activity. "We came across copper tooling," Mrs. Rose recalled. "Of course, we didn't know anything about it, but I suggested they try it because it's something different. You don't see much of it in this country — it's done mainly in Italy."

So Tony, Hank and their mother began experimenting with the craft, with some assistance from the Tyrrell County Agricultural Extension Office.

Mrs. Frances Voliva, who is now Tyrrell County extension chairman, saw potential in the Roses' work and arranged for a crafts specialist from state extension offices to visit with the family.

"The specialist came down and spent a full day with us, teaching us how to improve our work," Mrs. Rose said. "and she came back twice to check on our progress."

Mrs. Rose found that "the more I worked on it, the more fascinated I got with it." And, Tony and Hank continued practicing the craft as part of their 4-H activities. About four years later, Mrs. Rose qualified for membership in the guild.

Since then, the entire family has gotten involved. And they've learned that copper tooling requires both artistry and craftsmanship.

The scenes, animals or designs are drawn on a copper sheet in pencil, using a heavy hand so the outline of the drawing will be visible on the reverse side.

Then, the artist uses special instruments to stretch and shape the drawing to its final form, working entirely from the reverse side. Clay is packed into the back of the design to hold its shape and the front is coated with liver or sulfur to



Hank and Jack examine some bottles from Jack's collection



Mrs. Rose works on details

antique it. Fine steel wool is used to remove this chemical until the piece has the desired color.

Finally, the drawing is covered with lacquer and the background is painted with flat black paint, which provides a soft, mat finish.

"You really have to be careful," Mrs. Rose said. "When you're using that live or sulfur you have to get to work with the steel wool immediately after washing it off or it'll never come off."

"And if you miss a spot with the lacquer, it'll change color and you can't do anything about it. You have to re-do the whole thing."

The Roses especially like to do pictures of animals, birds and wildlife scenes — and these have been some of the most popular of the pieces they do regularly. Masonic and Eastern Star symbols and family crests are also popular.

The family's copper tooling activity has become one of the two major businesses in the Gum Neck community — or "Gum Neck Village," as Mrs. Rose sometimes calls it. The other one is "Buddy's Old Country Store," which is run by Mrs. Rose's brother.

The store, which was the only general store in the area for many years, was established by Mrs. Rose's great grandfather.

"Buddy's the one who started this Gum Neck Village business. He said if Columbia can be a town, Gum Neck can be a village!"

To back up that conviction, he had the store's stationery printed with that address — and persuaded Mrs. Rose to do the same on her family's business letterhead.

"People are always asking me where Gum Neck is," she said, smiling. "I just tell them it's between Frying Pan and Kilkenny! They're even smaller than Gum Neck!"

Les Roark (left), staff director for Sen. Robert Morgan, and Ed Atkinson watch Army engineers make last-minute preparations before opening the 270-foot wood and steel temporary bridge.



Spencer Carter

Over the Yadkin River

The Bridge That Ed Built

By Spencer Carter

Edwin Atkinson isn't one to take "no" for an answer when he's sure he's right.

Atkinson's persistence has resulted in the erection of a temporary bridge over the Yadkin River at Siloam.

The original bridge, built in 1937, collapsed on Feb. 23, killing four people and injuring 16 others. Two of those killed when seven cars plunged into the fog-shrouded river were Atkinson's father and mother. Atkinson and other members of his family were slightly injured in the disaster.

State transportation officials balked at the idea of erecting a temporary span, saying such a structure would cost \$600,000 — almost as much as a permanent bridge.

Atkinson wasn't convinced. As a veteran, he was certain the Army could do the job for less money as a training exercise.

After collecting 2,500 signatures on a petition, he fired off a letter to Governor Holshouser with copies to other state and federal officials, including U.S. Senator Robert Morgan.

In the letter, Atkinson detailed the

hardships people of the area were enduring due to the loss of the bridge. They were being forced to drive many miles out of their way to attend church, to buy food, to get to jobs or to till land that

some farmers worked on both sides of the river.

"Veterans affirm that the Army is capable of transporting thousands of troops, hundreds of vehicles, tanks and heavy artillery within 48 hours, erect bridges and cross streams wider than the Yadkin River," he wrote in the letter.

"The collapse of the Siloam Bridge has been declared a disaster meriting federal intervention and federal funds have been made available for the construction of a new bridge.

"I ask, 'Does the federal government not also have a responsibility to assist us in our quest to obtain a temporary bridge?' And I do urgently request and insist that the state of North Carolina prod, plead, and persuade the federal government for assistance in supplying the provisional relief I am requesting herein."

Atkinson's letter moved Morgan's office to action. Within a week, the senator's staff director, Les Roark, had gotten assurances from the Pentagon that the Army could, indeed, do the job.

Federal and state transportation departments both became involved in getting the project rolling, and the Army

More than 2,000 people watched State Transportation Secretary Jacob Alexander and Col. Neiman Howard from Ft. Bragg cut the single red ribbon that officially opened the bridge June 29.

After the ceremony, four vehicles carrying Alexander, Rep. Stephen Neal, D-N.C., and Army dignitaries made a symbolic crossing of the bridge that connects Surry and Yadkin Counties.

Work on a permanent bridge is expected to begin in August, and to take from one to two years to complete. It will be named the Atkinson-Needham Memorial Bridge, in memory of the four people who died there.



On the evening of Feb. 23, seven cars plunged into the icy waters of the Yadkin River when a bridge at Siloam collapsed for still unknown reasons.

found a bridge available in storage at a depot in Pennsylvania.

The Federal Highway Administration agreed to reimburse the Army \$40,000 for moving and erecting the bridge. The State Transportation Department then became actively involved, working with the Army to acquire rights-of-way for the bridge and to provide pavement for the approaches.

On June 29, eleven weeks after Atkinson wrote his letter, the people of Surry and Yadkin Counties could once again cross the river at Siloam.

The possibility that writing government officials might be an exercise in utility didn't occur to Atkinson.

"I knew things could be done if you went about it in the right way and I was expecting response," Atkinson says. Now that I look back on it I think the people whom I contacted initially were probably interested but didn't know where to start."

Atkinson knew "things could be done" because he and his father had been living there for many years in the settlement named for the "pool of Siloam" in the Bible.

Atkinson's father was instrumental in

acquiring the original bridge, and brought the first electric power to the area by paying a private power company \$1,500 to string the lines. In addition, Atkinson and his father fought successfully against the closing of Siloam's post office on three occasions — the last time in 1972.

The younger Atkinson's first solo effort at moving the government came during former Gov. Robert Scott's tenure in office. Atkinson wrote the governor on behalf of the local Ruritan Club, asking that something be done about two blind highway intersections near the high school.

Atkinson recalled that within three days highway engineers were working on correcting the problem.

After writing a letter to Scott thanking him for his help, he received a reply from the governor — in longhand. Scott wrote that he had done a lot of things for North Carolina, but he had never before been thanked by a private citizen for getting a job done.

Atkinson's experience with the intersection problem and battles to keep the

post office convinced him that individuals can make themselves heard.

"You've got to have a deep conviction and believe in what you're doing," he says. "And of course, you've got to take into consideration that more than apt the first time you ask you're going to be turned down."

Atkinson, his wife and two children were in one of the seven cars that fell 35 feet into the Yadkin River when the old bridge collapsed. His father, mother and sister were directly ahead of him in another vehicle. Atkinson saved his sister, but his mother and father died holding hands before they could be rescued.

The irony of the situation is that his father had been pushing for a new bridge for many years, but state officials had said the bridge's traffic volume averaging 400 vehicles daily did not warrant a new span.

"It saddens my heart to know that my father had to give his life and his wife, and two other people had to die to obtain a dream he had had since 1945," Atkinson says.

"I don't see why we're here," he says. "I'll never know."

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PAYS \$50.00 PER DAY CASH for Every Day in the Hospital.
—One Week in the Hospital. \$350
—One Month \$1,500
—One Year \$18,200
—PLUS—If Accidental Death Takes Place—pays 100 TIMES
The Daily Benefits \$5,000

SIX REASONS YOU NEED THE C.I.F. PLAN:

1. Pays for one whole year (365 days).

PAYS IN ADDITION TO:

2. Other Insurance you may already have.
3. Workmen's Compensation.
4. Veteran's Hospitalization.
5. NO AGE LIMIT to apply.
6. Pays beginning THE VERY FIRST DAY in the hospital.

THESE ARE THE THINGS WE CANNOT COVER.

SIX MORE REASONS:

1. The ONLY time you can buy Hospital Protection is BEFORE you need it.
2. Last year hospital costs averaged as high as \$109 per day (Amer. Hosp. Assn.)
3. **NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO TAKE A CHANCE ON HAVING THEIR SAVINGS (or what you own) WIPED OUT!**

CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

4. One person in every third family will go the hospital this year. Almost everyone - will go to the hospital sooner or later.
5. **YOU CAN'T BE CANCELLED** — so long as you pay your premiums and the group policy remains in force (no matter how many times you go to the hospital — regardless of how many thousands of dollars you may collect in claims).
6. NO Hospital Plan pays for everything (lost pay, food, school, clothing, etc.). **YOU NEED EXTRA CASH.**

Pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or abortion, military service, war or act of war — or hospital confinement when NO recommended by a physician or surgeon.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE “Co-op Insurance Fund” GROUP INSURANCE PLAN . . . Complete the information below and mail while the need is fresh in your mind. NO AGENT WILL CALL OR CONTACT YOU. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. C.I.F. IS AVAILABLE ONLY BY MAIL.

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NO OBLIGATION**

CO-OP INSURANCE FUND

National Bank of Georgia, 1430 W. Peachtree St., N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Name _____

Street Address (or RFD) _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of your Co-op _____

Are you interested in Coverage for:

☐ Male? ☐ Female? ☐ Children?

Age _____ Age _____

NO AGENT WILL EVER CONTACT YOU

THE HEADLINES ARE SAYING . . .

**GETTING SICK
TO COST MORE**

HEALTH INSURANCE, which is already high, is going to get worse. The industry blames soaring hospital and medical costs, plus inflation in general.

Last year the American Hospital Association reported the average Daily Hospital Cost . . . had zoomed to \$109 . . . for every day in the hospital.

Mrs. Rita Ann Mott of Saegertown, Pennsylvania writes:

“On September 5 my husband was hurt and as a result of that accident he spent 110 days in the hospital. When he first took out ‘Co-op Insurance’ I felt we didn’t need it. I now feel this insurance is the best investment we ever made. I want to thank you not only for the money, but also for the promptness with which it was paid . . . I hope this letter will make someone else realize how important this insurance is.”

The Co-op Insurance Fund paid the Mott family a total of \$5,350.00 in cash.

**AVAILABLE TO
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS ONLY!**

Daily Hospital Cash

PUTS CASH IN YOUR HANDS WHEN HOSPITALIZED

are are some of the Rural Electric Cooperatives who have made "Co-op Insurance Fund" HOSPITAL PROTECTION available to their Members (Purely a NON-PROFIT Service on the part of the Co-op). signed to use the buying power of millions of Rural Electric Members—to help assure dependable protection **low GROUP rates**. Also shown are some of the Rural Electric publications in which C.I.F. advertised its membership "**Group**" Insurance Plan. — (North American Company for Life and Health Insurance).

e "Co-op Insurance Fund" Hospital Protection Plan is insured by an old reliable insurance company in Health Insurance field for over 88 years — founded in 1886 — with over three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00) of life insurance in force. Licensed in NORTH CAROLINA.

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